

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010
MEETING MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jeff Hedberg called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

II. ROLL CALL

<u>Board:</u>	Jonathan Boni, BillDeBlasio, Eileen Francolino, Jeff Hedberg, Ken Leggo, Ed Marchion, Mary Udice and Don Woods
<u>Board Members Absent:</u>	John Kennedy, Robert Tofeldt and Kathy Zolad
<u>Staff:</u>	Superintendent Bruce Till
<u>Town Council Liaison:</u>	Scott McBride

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2010

MOTION: Don Woods made a motion to approve the minutes of August 17, 2010 with the correction of New Meadow Pathway instead of Green Meadow Pathway in the Public Participation section. Bill DeBlasio seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion to approve the minutes of August 17, 2020 was unanimously approved with an 8-0 vote.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATONS/REPORTS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The August monthly report was included in packets emailed to all board members. Bruce Till also handed out a copy of an e-mail from Rose Lyons concerning the Rose Arbor and the New Meadow Pathway.

Eileen Francolino asked about the impact of the schools closing at night. Bruce Till anticipates that the impact will be on the sports programs in the coming months particularly travel and recreation basketball practices.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

EXTRAVAGANZA

The Extravaganza was successful. Bruce Till is in negotiations with the Carnival representatives for next year. A one year contract is likely.

Jeff Hedberg attended the outdoor Movie Night on August 30 and although the weather

was nice, there was a low turnout (less than 100 people). The Rotary Club pledged \$1,000 toward this event and he was worried that the Rotary may not want to sponsor this event in the future. Bruce Till said some of the money was used for improvements to the screen and the acoustics. Mary Udice thought that since it was held the Monday before school started that this may have contributed to the low turnout. Eileen Francolino suggested that the gym be used in the event of rain. This may affect food/vendor sales and take away from the outdoor feel. Jeff Hedberg who is also a Rotary member suggested we lower the cost to \$750 next year. The board members agreed to this.

Bruce Till is in the process of evaluations on the Extravaganza and suggested that things are still open for discussion.

TURF FIELD

The survey has been completed by Milone & MacBroom, Inc. Bruce Till will be meeting with the representatives from Milone & MacBroom, Inc. on Thursday. The Manager will bring the plans to the Town Council to review. Then it will go to the TPZ Commission to review the plans and then they will bring it back to Town Council. Bruce Till is confident that things will be on schedule.

SPORTS YOUTH COUNCIL

Bruce Till and Karen Gallicchio met with Kathy Zolad. The next meeting has been rescheduled. They are in the process of looking to see who would like to be representatives on various youth organizations.

TENNIS CONTRACT

Bruce Till has met with Bob Dean to review his contract. Bob Dean is responsible for maintenance, scheduling & staffing for tennis courts and lessons. Bob Dean will be giving Bruce Till information on this as well as tax forms to negotiate a new contract. Tennis lessons are registered through Bob Dean instead of the Parks & Recreation department at this time.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

MILL POND PARK GRANT

The Parks & Recreation is in the process of reviewing the submitted requests for proposals.

NHS TENNIS COURTS

Bruce Till has received complaints on the conditions of the NHS tennis courts. According to Lou Jachimowitz this is usually under the Board of Education budget or done by an outside contractor. Bruce Till will not be proposing this under the Parks & Recreation budget. Eileen Francolino agreed that the NHS tennis courts are in poor condition. Jeff Hedberg asked if the courts at John Wallace are being used. Members have seen it being used. Scott McBride offered that people are always playing tennis at NHS. Jeff Hedberg asked what the cost estimate to fix the courts at NHS. Bruce Till guessed that the estimate may run between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

YOUTH SPORTS TRAVEL PROGRAMS

As basketball season nears, Parks & Recreation will be looking for people to sit on an interview panel to interview potential coaches. Kathy Zolad will be on the panel. Ken Leggo would be happy to be on it as well as Jon Boni and Scott McBride. Jeff Hedberg asked what the procedure is if someone is interested in coaching. Bruce Till stated that this has been advertised and they would fill out applications which are at the Parks & Recreation office.

Bill DiBlasio asked about the Badger Dugouts roofs which were vandalized as well as dugouts at Wallace were in disrepair. This has not been taken care of. Also, Bill DiBlasio questioned if U- bolts were put into Football Goal posts. This has not been done yet. Bill DiBlasio reported that 4 handicapped signs are needed to post on the fence since they had been stolen.

Bruce Till said that there has been tagging on the skateboard park and at Mill Pond. It is removed by Parks & Recreation right away.

Bruce Till said that the new software is not in yet. Bill DiBlasio asked about the condition of the roof at the Community Center. Leaks continue to be patched. Bruce Till reported that the floors were refinished with 2 coats of standard finish.

Don Woods stated that the West Meadow Cemetery Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony went well. Special thanks to Bruce Till, Mark Ripley and Steve Tofeldt for making the grounds looked beautiful. Bruce Till estimated that there have been close to \$50,000 of sales. Jeff Hedberg inquired if there is a limit to what people could buy. There is a policy and procedure book. Mary Udice agreed that it was a beautiful ceremony.

Don Woods remarked that the Churchill Park Pond looks clean and that the product is working.

Bruce Till announced that the Waterfall Festival will take place on September 25, 2010.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jeff Hedberg made a motion to adjourn, Kenneth Leggo seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:17 PM with a 8-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Loralyn Callahan